

Fire Sweeps Heber Stake Tabernacle

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Overheated Furnace in Building Blamed for \$8000 Estimated Loss

HEBER—An \$8000 fire Saturday night swept the Wasatch L. D. S. stake tabernacle here, damaging the piano and organ, undermining the stage framework and blistering paint throughout the building.

The fire occurred about 5:30 p. m., presumably from an overheated furnace. The custodian had lighted the furnace for a lyceum number Saturday night and left it temporarily.

The fire occurred half a block from the \$100,000 blaze which destroyed the Cooperative Mercantile company store and Wasatch county library January 14. Both buildings are on the west side of Main street, on opposite sides of Center street.

In Basement

Confinement of the tabernacle blaze to the basement saved destruction of the entire building, firemen said. Even though in the basement only, it created heat intense enough to blister paint throughout the hall.

The pipe organ, the console of which was damaged to the extent of \$2000, has been in use only two months, and was purchased at a cost of about \$8000, stake officials said. The piano was damaged about \$700. The \$8000 loss was estimated by E. A. Broadbent, stake president.

The lyceum program, to be presented by Orendo the Magician, was canceled following the blaze.

Under Control

Firemen under direction of Chief Lee Holdaway had the fire under control after being called by a passerby, Paul Van Wagoner.

The flames which destroyed the store January 14 kept firemen busy a full day. An explosion at 6 a. m. started the blaze, and water was still being poured on the wreckage after midnight.

Ray Murri, 21, night watchman, seriously burned in the explosion, is recovering from his injuries.



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